

Listing of Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the subject application:

1. (currently amended) A method for automatically printing, without a need for user action, a hard copy of transaction information relating to a transaction conducted electronically between a user-side and a supplier-side, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) automatically identifying, ~~without reliance on user action,~~ information including at least one of a confirmation number, password and invoice information concerning electronic commerce with a selected aspect ~~of information regarding said electronic transaction in an electronic communication between said user-side and said supplier-side, and after;~~

(b) ~~automatically identifying the selected aspect of information~~ generating a print request by extracting electronic commerce information corresponding to the automatically identified information of step (a);

(c) sending said print request to a printing apparatus at said user-side; and

(d) printing information regarding said electronic transaction in response to said print request.

2. (original) The automatic printing method of claim 1 further comprising the step of: storing said information regarding said electronic transaction in a storage medium.

3. (currently amended) The ~~automatic printing~~ method of claim 1 ~~wherein the step of automatically identifying comprises~~ further comprising the steps of:

notifying a control apparatus of communication between the user-side and the supplier-side;

monitoring the communication;

automatically recognizing by said control apparatus, without reliance on user action, the ~~selected aspect of information regarding said electronic transaction~~ including said at least one of a confirmation number, password and invoice information concerning electronic commerce; and

generating a print request in response to recognizing the ~~selected aspect of information regarding said electronic transaction~~ including said at least one of a confirmation number, password and invoice information concerning electronic commerce.

4. (original) The method for automatically printing of claim 3 further comprising the step of:

storing said information regarding said electronic transaction in a storage medium.

5. (currently amended) The method ~~for automatically printing~~ of claim 1, wherein ~~said step of automatically identifying (a)~~ occurs at the user-side.

6. (currently amended) A method for automatically printing, without a need for user action, a hard copy of transaction information relating to a transaction conducted electronically between a user-side and a supplier side, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) automatically identifying, without reliance on user action, information including at least one of a confirmation number, password and invoice information concerning electronic commerce with a selected aspect of information regarding said electronic transaction in an

~~electronic communication between said user side and said supplier side, and after;~~

(b) ~~automatically identifying the selected aspect of information~~ generating a print request
by extracting electronic commerce information corresponding to the automatically identified
information of step (a);

(c) sending said print request to a printing apparatus at said user side via a local area
network; and

(d) printing information regarding said electronic transaction in response to said print
request.

7. (original) The automatic printing method of claim 5 further comprising the step of:
storing said information regarding said electronic transaction in a storage medium.

8. (currently amended) The ~~automatic printing~~ method of claim 5 ~~wherein the step of~~
~~automatically identifying~~ further comprises comprising the steps of:

notifying a control apparatus of communication between the user-side and the supplier-
side;

monitoring the communication;

automatically recognizing, without reliance on user action, the ~~selected aspect of~~
~~information regarding said electronic transaction~~ including said at least one of a confirmation
number, password and invoice information concerning electronic commerce; and

generating a print request in response to recognizing the ~~selected aspect of information~~
~~regarding said electronic transaction~~ including said at least one of a confirmation number,
password and invoice information concerning electronic commerce.

9. (original) The automatic printing method of claim 7 further comprising the step of:
storing said information regarding said electronic transaction in a storage medium.

10. (currently amended) The ~~automatic printing~~ method of claim 6, wherein ~~said step of~~
~~automatically identifying (a)~~ occurs at the user-side.

Claims 11-23 (canceled).

24. (new) The automatic printing method of claim 1, wherein said electronic transaction
is conducted between said user-side and said supplier-side through said electronic
communication of information between a terminal at said user-side and a supplier-side system.